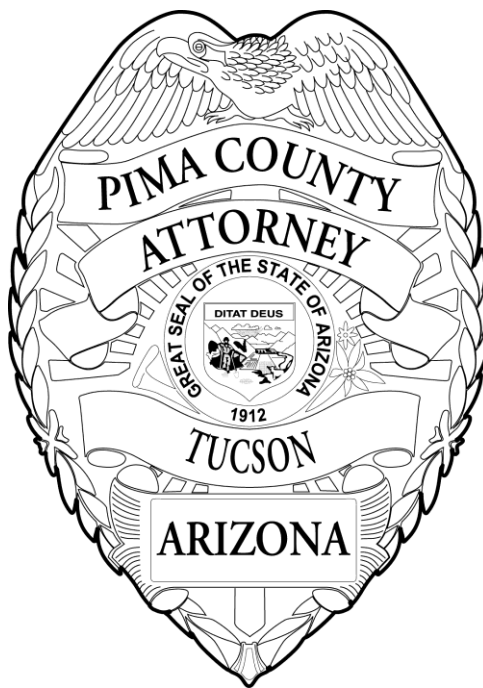


**ANNUAL REPORT ON THE
INVESTIGATION OF CHILD ABUSE
2019 - 2020
PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA**



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According to Statute § 8-817, the Pima County Attorney's Office is responsible for providing an annual report on the investigation of child abuse in the county to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate. In Pima County the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) for Child Abuse Investigation was created to ensure compliance with the protocol by that name. The protocol was developed in 1992-1994 under the leadership of the Pima County Attorney's Office in response to a perceived community need, it has been updated periodically since that date. In 2003 the Arizona State Legislature passed A.R.S. § 8-817 requiring the development of, and adherence to, a multidisciplinary protocol for the investigation of child abuse.

The Pima County Protocols for the Multi-Disciplinary Investigation of Child Abuse include the monitoring of all investigations of **“allegations involving criminal conduct”** defined by A.R.S. § 8-801 to insure that joint investigations are conducted. Statute (§ 8-801) includes the following statutes in its description of child abuse: inflicting or allowing sexual abuse pursuant to section § 13-1404, sexual conduct with a minor pursuant to § 13-1405, sexual assault pursuant to § 13-1406, molestation of a child pursuant to § 13-1410, continuous sexual abuse of a child pursuant to § 13-1417, child prostitution pursuant to § 13-3212, commercial sexual exploitation of a minor pursuant to § 13-3552, sexual exploitation of a minor pursuant to § 13-3553, certain domestic violence offenses that rise to the level of a felony pursuant to § 13-3601, and physical injury pursuant to § 13-3623.

This report is the compilation of information collected from the municipal, county, and state agencies on the number of cases handled and the frequency of joint investigations conducted in Pima County. The report also notes problems identified with the reporting and collection of data.

Pima County Attorney's Office

A.R.S.	Number of Defendants:	Number of Charges:
<i>§ 13-1404:</i>	72	99
<i>§ 13-1405:</i>	136	418
<i>§ 13-1406:</i>	170	261
<i>§ 13-1410:</i>	86	129
<i>§ 13-1417:</i>	6	7
<i>§ 13-3212:</i>	5	5
<i>§ 13-3553:</i>	54	424
<i>§ 13-3601:</i>	325	492
<i>§ 13-3623:</i>	356	550
Total:	1,210 Defendants	2,385 Charges

Number of cases presented by Agency:

Agency	Cases
AZ Dept of Corrections	2
AZ Dept of Public Safety	17
Counter Narcotics Alliance	2
Marana Police Dept	18
Oro Valley Police Dept	16
Pascua Yaqui Police Dept	2
Pima County Sheriff Department	258
Sahuarita Police Dept	25
South Tucson Police Dept	6
Tucson Airport Authority	2
Tucson Police Dept	858
University of Arizona Police Dept	4
Total:	1,210 Cases

Unique Defendant Count by Disposition:*

Disposition	Defendants
[No Disposition Yet]	450
Dismissed - 801	32
Dismissed With Prejudice	2
Dismissed Without Prejudice	56
Pled Guilty - Amended Count	82
Pled Guilty - To Count	85
Pled Guilty - To Lesser	52
Referred to AG Office	1
Reviewed/Refused	450
Total:	1,210 Defendants

* **Note:** Case disposition does not always occur in the same year the case was presented.

Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center

Type of Service	Victims Served
New Victims Served	904
Total Victims Served	1561
New Caregivers Served	565
Total Caregivers Served	1883
Forensic Interviews	994
Medical Exams	115
Cases Served After Hours	180
Medical Evidentiary Consultations	22
Number of Jointly Investigated Cases*	472
Total:	6,696 Victims Served

* **Note:** Although DCS is involved in the majority of our cases (any case where abuse or neglect occurred in the home or by a caregiver), this is the number of cases in which there was a formal case number assigned by DCS at the time of presentation to the CAC.

Marana Police Department

Type of Investigation	Prosecuted Cases	Total Cases
Molestation	7	15
Sex Assault	0	3
Sex Abuse	2	2
Physical Abuse	3	3
Sexual Exploitation of a Minor	1	5
Total:	13 Cases	28 Cases*

* **Note:** Of the 28 cases investigated 9 were investigated jointly with DCS.

South Tucson Police Department

Type of Offense	Total Cases
Child Molestation	10
Child Neglect	4
Custodial Interference	3
Child Abuse	20
Total:	37 Cases

Oro Valley Police Department

Type of Offense	Cases
DV - Assault	12
Sex Offenses	15
Assist OA	6
Child Abuse	12
Aggravated Assault	2
Drug Offense	2
Total:	49 Cases

Tucson Police Department Child Physical Abuse Unit

Child Physical Abuse Unit		
Type of Offense	Prosecuted Cases	Total Cases
Animal Bites/Dog	1	1
Arrest For Other Jurisdiction/Misd Criminal Warrant	0	1
Assault, Aggravated/Other	4	5
Assault, Aggravated/Other - Domestic Violence	10	13
Assault, Aggravated/Peace Officer (Non-Serious Injury)	1	1
Assault/Minor Injury	2	4
Assault/Minor Injury-Domestic Violence	6	17
Assault/No Injury	2	2
Assault/No Injury - Domestic Violence	3	4
Assist Other Agency/County Criminal Justice	1	4
Assist Other Agency/Municipal Criminal Justice	0	6
Assist Other Agency/Other	11	43
Assist Other Agency/State Criminal Justice	2	4
Civil Matter/Court Order Enforce	2	2
Civil Matter/Other	2	4
Death/Accidental	1	1
Death/Natural	0	2
Death/Unknown Causes	13	15

Disorderly Conduct/Disturbing the Peace DV	3	7
Disorderly Conduct/Family Fight	0	1
Disturbance/No Criminal Violation	0	1
Juvenile Violations/Health, Welfare, Morals	3	80
Larceny/All Others	0	1
Lost/Juvenile	0	1
Mental Cases/Other	0	2
Mental Cases/Transported to Treatment Facility	1	6
Miscellaneous/Officer	1	3
Miscellaneous/Public	11	13
Narcotic Drug Laws/Possession	0	2
Narcotic Drug Laws/Possession of Paraphernalia	2	2
Offenses Against Family & Children/Neglect	23	88
Offenses Against Family & Children/Non-Support	0	4
Offenses Against Family & Children/Other	73	371
Offenses Against Family & Children/Physical Abuse	91	203
Offenses Against Family & Children/Custodial Interference DV	9	104
Offenses Against Family & Children/Custodial Interference	12	109
Offenses Against Family & Children/Desertion-Abandon	1	5
Other Offenses/Animal Abuse or Neglect	1	1
Other Offenses/Other Felonies	1	1
Other Offenses/Other Felonies DV	0	1
Other Offenses/Other Misdemeanors	2	6
Other Offenses/Other Misdemeanors DV	5	16
Personal Injury Accidents/Other	1	1
Personal Injury Accidents/Residential	1	1
Public Assist/Check Welfare	12	233
Public Assist/Other	0	1
Runaway Juvenile/From Institution or Foster Home	0	1
Runaway Juvenile/From Parent or Guardian	1	2
Sex Offenses/Lewd & Lascivious Acts	0	1
Sex Offenses/Other (Adultry,Incest,Stat Rape,Etc)	0	3
Sick Cared For/Attempted Suicide	2	2
Sick Cared For/Other	0	1
Sick Cared For/Transported to Medical Facility	1	2
Suspicious Activity/Other	0	1
Traffic Accident/Injury/Pedestrian	0	1
Unfounded/No Bonafide Incident	0	1
Weapons/Other	1	1
Total:	319 Cases	1,409 Cases

Child Sexual Assault Unit

Type of Offense	Prosecuted Cases	Total Cases
Assault, Aggravated/Other	1	1
Assault/Minor Injury	0	1
Assault/No Injury - Domestic Violence	1	3
Assist Other Agency/Federal Criminal Justice	1	1
Assist Other Agency/Municipal Criminal Justice	10	13
Assist Other Agency/Other	2	6
Assist Other Agency/State Criminal Justice	1	1
Disorderly Conduct/Disturbing the Peace DV	0	1
Juvenile Violations/Health, Welfare, Morals	1	11
Miscellaneous/Officer	1	2
Miscellaneous/Public	0	1
Offenses Against Family & Children/Neglect	0	1
Offenses Against Family & Children/Other	3	27
Offenses Against Family & Children/Physical Abuse	1	2
Offenses Against Family & Children/Other	1	1
Other Offenses/Other Felonies	0	1
Other Offenses/Other Misdemeanors	0	1
Public Assist/Check Welfare	4	27
Sex Offenses/Child Molesting	130	281
Sex Offenses/Exposure	5	28
Sex Offenses/Lewd & Lascivious Acts	1	30
Sex Offenses/Molesting	15	56
Sex Offenses/Other (Incest, Stat Rape, Etc)	14	108
Sex Offenses/Peeping Tom	0	2
Sexual Assault/Attempted Rape	5	9
Sexual Assault/Forcible Rape	58	102
Sick Cared For/Other	0	1
Suspicious Activity/Other	0	3
Suspicious Activity/Person	3	3
Total:	258 Cases	724 Cases

There are more types of cases received and assigned to each unit that are not depicted in this report. All cases assigned through the Child Physical Abuse Unit are jointly investigated with DCS, however, TPD does not document the numbers of Child Sexual Assault Unit cases that are jointly investigated. However, any Child Sexual Assault case that involves a child where the suspect is a guardian or caregiver would be a joint investigation with DCS. Please note the drop from previous years in assigned Physical Abuse cases which is most likely attributed to a new program that allows patrol officers to arrest for a felony in the field without the assignment of a detective.

Pima County Sheriff's Office – Crimes Against Children Unit

Type of Offense	Cases
Molestation	110
Sex Assault/Rape	0
Sex Offenses (Other)	343
Physical Abuse	164
Neglect	4
Sex Offender Registration	296
Missing/Endangerment	37
Total:	954 Cases

Unless a case does not meet the criteria for DCS involvement, 90% of PCSO sex abuse/sex offense cases are jointly investigated. On physical abuse cases the PCSO works joint investigations only 45% of the time and DCS conducts their own follow-up.

Sahuarita Police Department

Type of Offense	Cases
Sexual Assault Forcible Rape Female	1
Sexual Assault Forcible Rape Male	1
Sexual Assault Attempt Rape	1
Agg. Assault Domestic Violence	4
Agg Assault W/ Firearm	1
Agg. Assault Dom. Violence W/ Knife	1
Shoplifting	1
Other Assault Minor Injury	1
Other Assault No Injury	2
Other Assault Minor Injury Dom. Battery	10
Other Assault No Injury Dom. Battery	8
Embezzlement	1
Sex Offenses Child Molesting	7
Sex Offense Other	4
Controlled Substance Poss. Of marijuana	1
Offense Against Family Physical Abuse	2
Offense Against Family Neglect	4
Disorderly Conduct Dom. Violence	4
Other Offenses Misdemeanors	1
Juv. Violation Health,Welfare,Morals	1
Juvenile Violation Other	1
Runaway Juvenile from Parent	4
Mental cases Transport	2
Sick Cared For Transported	1

Sick Cared For Attempt Suicide	1
Lost Person	1
Found Person	1
Public Assist Check Welfare	14
Civil Matter Preserve the Peace	1
Civil Matter Other	2
Suspicious Activity	8
Disturbance Peace Restored	1
Assist Other State agency	1
Assist Other Agency Other	1
TOTAL:	95 Cases

Problems Identified With Reporting Child Abuse and Joint Investigations

There is a problem with each agency defining criminal conduct against children differently and then collecting and reporting on different types of data. The Pima County Attorney's Office uses the definition of criminal conduct given in A.R.S. § 8-801:

2. *"Extremely serious conduct allegation" means an allegation of conduct by a parent, guardian or custodian of a child that, if true, would constitute any of the following:*

(a) A violation of section 13-3623 involving child abuse.

(b) A felony offense that constitutes domestic violence as defined in section 13-3601.

(c) A violation of section 13-1404 or 13-1406 involving a minor.

(d) A violation of section 13-1405, 13-1410 or 13-1417.

(e) Any other act of abuse that is classified as a felony.

Because of item (e) above the Pima County Attorney's Office report includes:

§13-3552 - commercial sexual exploitation of a minor,

§13-3553 - sexual exploitation of a minor,

§13-3212 - child prostitution.

The Pima County Attorney's Office data collection system allows reporting by statute charged. Some Law Enforcement agencies are able to report by the Arizona statute, while others use the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system of the FBI. Adding to the problem is that when searching by statute, A.R.S. § 13-3623 and § 13-3601 include not only acts against children but against adults, thus additional vigilance of the data is needed.

Cases that occur out of the home or do not involve a family member are not within the scope of authority for the Department of Child Safety so they are not jointly investigated.